

Pastor Harland Gilland, Kelso First Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Don Gregory led the flag salute. Mayor Gregory called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were: Gregory, Slater, Chester, McDaniel, Wheeler, Keolker, Johnson, and Student Representative Megan Wells.

Minutes: Upon Motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, 'Approve the minutes of the 2/3/04 Regular Meeting and 2/10/04 Special Workshop Meeting', motion carried, all voting yes.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Megan Wells: 1) The sportsmanship among Mark Morris, R A Long, and Kelso hasn't been good. The leadership class and the executive officers of ASB have tried to come up with some basic rules that we should follow about sportsmanship. I gave a presentation on good sportsmanship at the girls' basketball game against Mark Morris and I have been asked to do the same at the boys' game tonight. 2) We are doing great in all of our winter sports. Ten wrestlers, one gymnast, and four swimmers are going to State. 3) Tonight we have two basketball games. If the girls win their game tonight and Mark Morris wins theirs, they will play each other for second place in the league. 4) There will be a Renaissance Assembly next week. 5) Spring sports will begin the first of March. 6) Next year the ASB will emphasize good sportsmanship. We are trying to lay the groundwork this year.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Gregory read a Proclamation declaring the week of February 29 through March 6, 2004 as "LITERACY WEEK." Carol McNair, President of Altrusa, accepted the award.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Auditing of Accounts: January - \$471,110.74; February - \$1,680,395.90

Liquor License: 1) Approve in lieu of current privilege-Ol Tima' Tavern
2) Renewal-Sunrise Market

Upon Motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Revise the Kelso Zoning Ordinance: The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY;

CHANGING, CREATING AND ELIMINATING ZONES AND ZONING BOUNDARIES; ALTERING AND CHANGING PERMITTED USES, CONDITIONAL USES AND PROHIBITED USES IN ALL COMMERCIAL ZONES; ALTERING AND CHANGING PERMITTED USES, CONDITIONAL USES AND PROHIBITED USES IN ALL INDUSTRIAL ZONES; REPEALING CHAPTER 17.48 AND CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 17.60 DOWNTOWN DESIGN GUIDELINES; REPEALING CHAPTER 17.50 AND CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 17.70 SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS ZONE; REPEALING CHAPTER 17.60; REPEALING CHAPTER 17.64; REPEALING CHAPTER 17.66 AND CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 17.88; WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES; REPEALING CHAPTER 17.68; REPEALING CHAPTER 17.72 AND CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 17.100 PARKING AND ACCESS REQUIREMENTS; CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 17.104 LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS; ADDING REGULATIONS FOR PERMIT REVIEW AND LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES; REPEALING CHAPTER 17.80 AND CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 17.136 CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 17.140 VARIANCES; REPEALING CHAPTER 17.84; REPEALING CHAPTER 17.88; CREATING NEW CHAPTERS FOR REZONES, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS AND APPEALS; ADDING CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS; AND RENUMBERING CERTAIN CHAPTERS; AND AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF KELSO.’ Kent Anderson explained he wants to present the Council’s comments to the Planning Commission, which meets tomorrow night. Only half of the zoning ordinance is being presented tonight and Kent will present the other half to the Council in March. Further discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Doug Robinson: No Report

STAFF REPORTS:

Rich Bemm: 1) Dick Mueller and I have department goals, which include one of us attending a council meeting each month. 2) Next week we will start the process for the master plan at Tam O’Shanter Park. The landscape architect is organizing the first meeting and all the players are invited to be there. 3) An issue has come up concerning the picnic tables in the girls’ softball area. The league will provide the tables and the Parks Department will provide the concrete pads under the tables if needed. 4) Alan Slater has vandalism concerns and inquired about the possibility of installing cameras. Rich stated vandalism at Tam O’Shanter has been pretty minimal now that we have the electronic locks.

Hope Koistinen: No Report

Wayne Nelson: 1) Applications for the Citizen's Police Academy, which starts next month, need to be turned in by February 26. 2) I spoke with Sergeant Dalen, the reserve coordinator, about having members of the reserve group come to the March 2 Council Meeting. 3) I will be giving my annual report on the 2003 activities at the March 2nd meeting. 4) We have purchased for the supervisors a 2003 Ford Expedition with 18,000 miles. Fleet Management Service for Salt Lake County in Utah sells their vehicles after the first year of use. Half of the factory warranty is still remaining and the vehicle is already equipped with much of the police equipment we would have needed to purchase.

David Sypher: 1) The Fleet Management recommendation will be on the next Council agenda. Due to some conflicts, we need more time and don't want to rush this decision. 2) The next Airport Board Meeting will be an open meeting to review some recommendations concerning the airport manager position. The information will be presented at the March 16 Council Meeting.

Kent Anderson: 1) The Planning Commission will have another public meeting for West Kelso tomorrow night here at the depot beginning at 5:30 p.m. 2) I received a very good application for a Board of Adjustment member; however, the application is missing from my desk. I had some people in my office for a meeting and I think someone accidentally took it. If Richard the 2nd (last name unknown) would like to reapply, I would like to bring his application to the Council. 3) Once again we have quite a few cars parked on the sidewalks. As a courtesy to others, we would like to ask people not to block the sidewalks.

Veryl Anderson: Cindy and I met with Rose from Amtrak and she wants to promote Kelso and Amtrak. One of her ideas is to have a trip with school children and their families to ride the train with Santa to the zoo to see the lights and back to the Kelso Treelighting. She wants to promote our station and advertise so people will come to Kelso and stay overnight.

Paul Brachvogel: Our motion for contempt on the Strand has been continued to Monday, February 23, at 8:30 a.m.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Todd McDaniel: 1) Baseball signups will continue this Saturday from 10:00 to 2:00 at Tam O'Shanter Park. 2) If you have a chance, you should go to Tam O'Shanter Park to see the improvements. The leagues have put approximately \$7,000 into the field, fencing, and scoreboard. 3) They are currently working on the plumbing at the new concession stand.

Mark Chester: 1) I attended my first meeting on the 911 Board today. We are one of the counties with the most calls and the least staff. 2) There is a federal fund for radio replacement and we were asked to start thinking about including this in our budget.

Kathleen Johnson: Kent, Doug, and I attended the CEDC annual luncheon today. In your packets there is a very good overlay of a presentation by John Mitchell, the Economist for US Bankcorp. Washington State is in the top twenty-eight states that are growing in the United States.

Alan Slater: 1) As a result of the heavy rainfall we had at the end of January/first of February, we were able to determine the maximum capacity of our new sewer treatment plant. We reached 40 million gallons in twenty-four hours. 2) We will have a Sewer Operating Board Meeting tomorrow morning. We are still formulating plans for our sledge process. 3) At the Transportation Meeting Wednesday, I was told the Cascadia Corridor is anticipating some increased funding and they plan to reactivate the Cascadia Mayor's Conference. This has been a viable linkage between the cities from Eugene to Vancouver, B.C.

Joe Wheeler: 1) Alan Slater commented earlier about the surveillance cameras. I think this is something we should consider in a future budget. 2) The next Airport meeting will probably be on March 8. The time has not been decided, but it will probably be in the evening so the people who rent hangers can attend. 3) Ben Hill, from the Babe Ruth League, informed me they have a new website, kelsoblue@adelphia.net.

Jack Keolker: 1) I attended the CAP Banquet. People who were helped by the program gave testimonials. 2) I talked to fifty-four businesses and left flyers concerning the Planning Commission meeting tomorrow night. 3) You still have time to make your reservations for the Council of Governments Banquet, which will be March 19 at the Monticello Hotel at 6:00 p.m. 4) At the last Council meeting I urged the citizens of Kelso to clean up their yards. I would like to ask the owners of small businesses to paint and clean up around their buildings as well. The City has a program to help paint these buildings and we are willing to work with these businesses.

Don Gregory: No Report

Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

